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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRACTICES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

1. GIVEN SITUATION IN ME AND CURRENT US AND UN EFFORTS TO FACILITATE RESOLUTION, USDEL SHOULD REMAIN IN BACKGROUND DURING SPC DEBATE ON REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ISRAELI PRACTICES AFFECTING HUMAN RIGHTS OF POPULATION OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

2. US OPPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THREE-MEMBER COMMITTEE WHICH WAS CREATED BY GA RES 2443 (XXIII) BECAUSE IT WAS DIRECTED ONLY TO ISRAEL AND NOT TO HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN OTHER COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN ME CONFLICT. FOR MONTHS, THE UN WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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UNABLE TO FIND COUNTRIES WILLING TO SERVE ON COMMITTEE.

SOMALIA, SRI LANKA AND YUGOSLAVIA, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BROKEN RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, VOLUNTEERED AND HAVE SERVED ON THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE SINCE ITS INCEPTION. ISRAEL HAS REFUSED TO ALLOW COMMITTEE TO ENTER OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ON GROUNDS THAT ITS COMPOSITION IS UNBALANCED AND ITS PURPOSE IS TO SERVE ARAB PROPAGANDA AIMS. COMMITTEE'S CURRENT REPORT (A/9148) BUILDS ITS CASE ALLEGING ISRAELI VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES PRIMARILY BY CITING LETTERS OF COMPLAINT FROM EGYPT, JORDAN, SYRIA AND LEBANON; ISRAELI AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS, INCLUDING REPORTS OF STATEMENTS BY GOI OFFICIALS; AND TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF DR. ISRAEL SHAHAK, CHAIRMAN OF ISRAELI

LEAGUE FOR HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS. REFUSAL OF ISRAEL TO ALLOW COMMITTEE TO VISIT OCCUPIED TERRITORIES HAS MADE IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR COMMITTEE TO SUBSTANTIATE ITS CONCLUSION THAT ISRAEL HAS VIOLATED HUMAN RIGHTS THERE, THUS RENDERING REPORT ESSENTIALLY INEFFECTIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHARGES OF BIAS.

3. US HAS OPPOSED ALL FOUR RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED SO FAR ON REPORTS OF THIS COMMITTEE. DEFINITIVE US POSITION ON ANY NEW DRAFT RESES WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER REVIEWING EXACT TEXT.

4. UNLESS USDEL PERCEIVES OVERRIDING OBJECTION, IT SHOULD FOLLOW LAST YEAR'S PROCEDURE OF NOT RPT NOT SPEAKING IN DEBATE AND LIMITING INTERVENTION TO EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON DRAFT RES. YOU SHOULD REITERATE TO OTHER DELS CONSISTENT US POSITION IN FAVOR OF STRICT IMPLEMENTATION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES OF FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION AND EMPHASIZE POLITICAL DEBATE ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT DOES NOT FACILITATE CURRENT EFFORTS TO RESOLVE ME DISPUTE. KISSINGER

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